

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

At the outset, applicant wishes to express his appreciation for the thorough examination of this application by Examiner Griles.

In the last Official Action (November 16, 2005), the Examiner indicated that claims 6-11 would be allowed if presented in complete and independent format. Accordingly, claim 7 has been canceled and the subject matter thereof incorporated into parent claim 1. Similarly, claims 8 and 10 have been amended to appear in complete and independent form by incorporating the subject matter of claim 1 therein, respectively. Finally, claim 6 has been amended to depend from and further restrict claim 3. As a consequence of the foregoing actions, claims 1-6 and 8-11 now are believed to stand allowed.

It is noted with due appreciation that the drawings have not been objected to by the Official Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.

All grounds of objection and rejection having been overcome by this Amendment, the application now is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance containing allowed claims 1-6 and 8-11, and such favorable action earnestly is solicited.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues still present in the application and to expedite the prosecution of the application, should the Examiner believe such a telephone conference would be helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

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